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Distortions in history teaching

4668. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian History Congress, at its session held in Kolkata recently, expressed serious concern on attempts being made to distort the teaching of history in the country; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government feel that these apprehensions expressed by few individuals are not well founded. The new National Curriculum Framework has been circulated to large cross sections of the society including the State Governments/UTs, eminent academicians, educationists, etc. The response from such sections has been generally very positive.

Promotion of Hindi in Non-Hindi speaking regions

4669. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes and programmes going on for promotion of Hindi Language in non-Hindi speaking regions of the country;

(b) whether services of NGOs are being availed in this effort; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) For the promotion of Hindi in the non-Hindi speaking regions of the country, this Ministry provides financial assistance to State Governments for the appointment and training of Hindi teachers through a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

Besides, the Central Hindi Directorate (New Delhi), the Kendriya Hindi Sansthan (Agra) and the Central Institute of Indian Languages